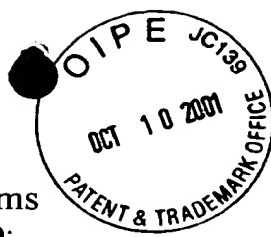


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WHAT IS CLAIMED:



1. (Amended) An apparatus for inputting Chinese characters into a data processing device, said apparatus comprising:
 - a Chinese character inputting means having,
 - a plurality of radical keys representing radicals constituting a Chinese character, and
 - a plurality of combination keys, each combination key representing a combination frame of the radicals constituting a Chinese character;
 - a memory means storing a plurality of Chinese characters, each Chinese character being composed of radicals; and
 - a Chinese character generating means generating Chinese characters from said memory means, each Chinese character being designated by sequentially inputting a first radical key, a combination key, and at least one remaining radical keys.
2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, which further comprises a means for displaying Chinese characters.
3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said plurality of combination keys representing a group of combination frames grouped by similar combination frames of a plurality of Chinese characters.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the number of said combination keys is 20~35.

5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the maximum number of said radical keys inputted for designating a Chinese character is 4.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Amended) An apparatus for inputting Chinese characters into a data processing device, said apparatus comprising:

a Chinese character inputting means having,

a plurality of radical keys representing radicals constituting a Chinese character, and

a plurality of combination keys, each combination key representing a combination frame of the radicals constituting a Chinese character;

a memory means storing a plurality of Chinese characters, each Chinese character being composed of radicals; and

a Chinese character generating means generating Chinese characters from said memory means, each Chinese character being designated by sequentially inputting a last radical key and a combination key.

9. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said last radical key represents last radical according to the writing order of a Chinese character.

10. (Amended) A method for inputting Chinese characters, each Chinese character being composed of a plurality of radicals, said method comprising steps of:

(a) inputting a radical key representing the last radical according to the writing order of a Chinese character;

(b) inputting a combination key representing a combination frame of radicals constituting said Chinese character; and

(c) generating a Chinese character designated by the input of said radical key and said combination key.

11. (Amended) A method for inputting Chinese characters, each Chinese character being composed of a plurality of radicals, said method comprising steps of:

(a) inputting a first radical key representing the first radical according to the writing order of a Chinese character;

(b) inputting a combination key representing a combination frame of radicals constituting said Chinese character;

(c) inputting at least one remaining radical keys constituting said Chinese character; and

(d) discriminating whether a Chinese character is designated by the input of said first radical key, said combination key, and said remaining radical key(s).

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Amended) A method of claim 11, wherein the maximum number of said radical keys inputted for designating a Chinese character is 4.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Amended) A method of claim 10, wherein said combination key represents a combination frame grouped by similar combination frames of a plurality of Chinese characters.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the number of said radical keys is 146~214.

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first radical key represents the first radical according to the writing order of a Chinese character.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the last inputted radical key represents the last radical according to the writing order of a Chinese character.

23. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the number of said radical keys is 146~214.

24. (New) The method of claim 11, which further comprises a step of generating said designated Chinese character when it is discriminated that said Chinese character is designated in said step (d).

25. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the last inputted radical key represents the last radical according to the writing order of a Chinese character.

26. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said combination key represents a combination frame grouped by similar combination frames of a plurality of Chinese characters.

27. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the number of said combination keys is 20~35.